

Fair tonight and tomorrow. Cooler tomorrow.

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## RUSSIA APPLIES FOR PERMISSION TO DISMANTLE

Formal Request Made in  
the Case of Converted  
Cruiser Lena.

## GOVERNMENT IS WILLING

Departments Are Considering  
How Extensive Dis-  
mantlement Must Be.

Russia has applied finally to the United States for permission to dismantle the converted cruiser Lena at San Francisco. The United States is willing to grant this request, and the State and Navy Departments are now considering how extensive the dismantlement of the Russian cruiser must be. Captain Berlinski, commanding the Lena, was authorized by his government to make application for permission to dismantle the Lena and allow it to remain in American waters until the close of the war. He applied to Rear Admiral Goodrich, who immediately referred the request to Washington this morning. It has been considered by the President and all the heads of the departments concerned in the matter, and the Administration is known to have expressed a willingness to grant the favor asked by Russia.

**To Keep Crew on Island.**  
Although the extent of the dismantlement of the Lena and the disposition of its crew has not been decided upon as yet by the President and his advisers, it is known that the Navy Department favors keeping all the Russian crew on Angel Island until the close of the war, and the President will probably approve this recommendation, which has been referred to him. The Lena carries only four small guns, which can be removed in the Navy Department officials think the removal of these guns is sufficient dismantlement, and it is not likely that anything further will be insisted upon.

**Takahira Calls on Adee.**  
The Japanese minister, Mr. Takahira, called on Acting Secretary Adee at the State Department this morning to inquire concerning the Lena. As no formal action has been taken as yet on the request of the Russian government, the Japanese legation has had nothing to say officially concerning the attitude of the United States toward the Russian cruiser.

## INSPECTION BOARD VISITS THE VESSEL

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 15.—The board of inspection to ascertain the condition of the Lena is composed of Lieutenant Commander J. C. Leonard, of the Bennington; Lieutenant Commander J. R. Palmer, of the Marblehead; and Lieut. W. D. Leahy, of the Boston. These officers and an especially trained engineer went aboard the vessel early today and immediately went to work. It is very likely that they will have come to a decision by tomorrow.

**BRIEF SERVICES OVER  
BODY OF CAPT. LIEBHARDT**  
Under the direction of the Grand Army of the Republic, brief services were held this afternoon in the chapel at Lee's undertaking establishment, in Pennsylvania, over the remains of Capt. David P. Liebhart, superintendent of the Dead Letter Office, who killed himself at his desk last Sunday night. An escort of the Loyal Legion accompanied the remains to the station, where they were placed on a special train for Milton, Ind., for interment.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The Atlantic coast storm has moved rapidly northward with increasing intensity, and is central this morning near the southeast New England coast. It has been accompanied by northerly gales and abnormally heavy precipitation. Between Washington and Philadelphia over five inches of rain fell, while from Philadelphia to Boston the average fall was over three inches.

TEMPERATURE.	
9 a. m.	62
12 noon	63
1 p. m.	62
2 p. m.	62
DOWNTOWN TEMPERATURE.	
(Registered at Adick's Standard thermometer.)	
8 a. m.	62
12 noon	63
1 p. m.	62
2 p. m.	62
THE SUN.	
Sun sets today	6:12
Sun rises tomorrow	5:47
TIDE TABLE.	
Low tide today	6:59 p. m.
High tide tomorrow	12:46 a. m., 1:47 p. m.
Low tide tomorrow	7:32 a. m., 7:48 p. m.

## RUSSIAN ARMY IS CONCENTRATING WITHIN MUKDEN

Fortifying the City and  
the Liao River at  
Tie-ling.

## RETREAT IS ANTICIPATED

General Sassulitch, With the  
Rear Guard, to Cover  
Movement.

TOKYO, Sept. 15.—Field Marshal Oyama reports, under today's date, that the Russian positions in the direction of Mukden are unchanged. He adds:

"We buried 3,100 Russians at Liao-Yang."

Concentrated at Mukden.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 15.—The entire Russian army is concentrated at Mukden. The First Moscow and the Fifth Siberian Corps are reported to have entered the city.

Kuropatkin is fortifying Mukden. Fortifications are also being constructed on both sides of the Liao River at Tie-ling.

To Cover Retreat.

It is supposed to be the purpose of Kuropatkin to retreat to Tie-ling, leaving General Sassulitch with the rear guard in command at Mukden to defend the place and to cover the retreat of the main army.

Harbin has been converted into one vast hospital. Even the churches and theaters are filled.

There are 35,000 wounded men from the battles around Liao-Yang.

Russians Still Raiding.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—A dispatch to Lloyd's from Gibraltar states that the British steamship Ortona, which arrived there yesterday, reports that she passed a Russian cruiser on Tuesday in latitude 36 degrees north, longitude 8 degrees west.

The Russian was then engaged in boarding the British steamship Darwin.

## STEAMER CALCHAS JUSTLY SEIZED

LONDON, Sept. 15.—A prize court at Vladivostok has decided that the steamship Calchas was justly seized, and her cargo, consisting of flour, timber and cotton, is confiscated. The portion of the cargo destined for neutral ports will be released.

Seventy-seven parcels of machinery will be retained by the Russian authorities for three months, to enable the owners of it to prove that it had a neutral destination.

The Calchas will be detained three months to give the owners time to file an appeal.

The "Globe," commenting on the above news, says that if Britain does not challenge this decision, it will amount to a prohibition of commerce between Britain and Japan.

State Department Irritated.

Official information has been received at the State Department that part of the American cargo of the British steamer Calchas, captured by the Russian Vladivostok squadron some time ago, has been condemned and seized by the Vladivostok prize court. The vessel was under charter to the Northern Pacific Railroad and Steamship Company.

## OWNED IN LIVERPOOL.

The Calchas is a steamship of 4,279 tons, owned by Holt & Co., of Liverpool, otherwise the Ocean Steamship Company. She left Tacoma for Japanese ports and Hongkong on July 8, and was taken into Vladivostok by a Russian prize crew on August 8, having been captured thirty miles north of Tokyo Bay.

Her cargo consisted of 870 tons of flour, 9 tons of cotton, 5,446 pieces of timber, 215 cogs and 135 pairs of chains, all consigned to Yokohama. The remaining 1,500 tons of the cargo was consigned to Hongkong.

## RUSSIAN REPORT ON DISASTERS

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 15.—A long dispatch has been received from Kuropatkin, giving a detailed report of the operations from August 26 to September 7.

The Russian commander-in-chief begins by giving the positions of his forces on August 26. He records the Japanese turning movements, compelling his withdrawal from Anshanchan and Anging upon Liao-Yang. Then he says:

"In consequence of the mountainous nature of the country on our front and the bad conditions of the roads toward

## PLEASE GO 'WAY AND LET ME SLEEP



WASHINGTON SCHOOLBOY'S DREAM.  
The Season Is Now at Hand When the American Youngster Finds His Rest Disturbed by the Vision of Problems in Arithmetic, Spelling, Grammar, and Other Studies.

## CHINESE ELUDE BORDER GUARDS

Sargent, Alarmed, Departs  
for the South.

Chinese are entering Mexico by the hundred for the purpose of eluding the guards along the frontier and thus making their way into the United States.

Some of the young men have succeeded in their purpose, and the matter is to be investigated by Frank J. Sargent, Commissioner General of Immigration.

**Busy Time for Guards.**  
It was said authoritatively at the Bureau of Immigration this morning that the point of activity in evading the Chinese exclusion law has been changed from Canada to the Southern Republic, and that from now on the inspectors and the riders may expect to have lively times.

The Mexican government has encouraged the immigration of Chinese and the United States is beginning to feel the results.

Commissioner General Sargent will go to New Orleans, Galveston, El Paso, Yuma, San Diego, Los Angeles, and intermediate cities, San Francisco, Portland, Ore., Seattle, Vancouver, and Victoria, Winnipeg, Detroit, and back to Washington. He expects to be gone five or six weeks.

His most important investigations are to be made along the Mexican border, where a deal will be settled upon to keep out the Chinese.

**Sees Danger Ahead.**  
In speaking of the matter, Mr. Sargent, who reported this afternoon on his tour of inspection, said:

"We are having more trouble along the border in the South than ever before, and it will probably grow. Instead of going to work in the southern and central parts of Mexico, for which their immigration was intended, the Chinese are congregating along the American line simply waiting for opportunities to get into the country."

"We are having the greatest trouble Lower California, however, and we have increased our men here. The peninsula is thronged with Chinese, and these are making their way over the hills and mountains into Tinajas, and thence north to San Diego. It is hard work locating the culprits in this sort of territory."

Flynn's Business College, 8th & K. Business, shorthand, typewriting—\$25 a yr.—Adv't.

## Police Court Judges Have an Ax to Grind

O'Neal Intimates System of Heavy Fines Imposed Indicates Purpose to Get Increased Salaries for the Bench.

## JUDGE O'NEAL'S HOT SHOT

"The judges of the Police Court have developed a scheme of fining all offenders that come before them in large amounts."

"Their design may be to have their salaries increased."

"Anyway, I do not approve of it."

"By a system of heavy fines Police Court judges have succeeded in raising the revenues of the court to about \$100,000. For myself, I do not approve of it. I shall accept personal bonds when it appears to be just."

The assertion is from Judge O'Neal, of the Police Court, to a Times reporter.

**Jails Are Full.**  
In explaining his remark the judge said that the Police Court judges had been advised by the custodians of the jail that the jail was full, and that it would not be well to send any more people there to be cared for and fed at the cost of the District. Judge O'Neal also said that it is a well-known fact that the workhouse is taxed to its utmost.

"The judges," he said, "fine the poor people in large amounts, and a failure to pay up means that they must go to jail or to the workhouse. The result is an additional expense to the District. This should not be when it can be avoided."

"The policy of releasing offenders on their personal bonds when the offenses were not their fault is a good one in my judgment. There is no justice in soaking offenders for large fines when there is no chance of the money being paid, or, if it is paid, the sacrifice will be out of proportion to the offense."

That Judge O'Neal lives up to his convictions is proved by the following report submitted today to the District Commissioners, through Major Sylvester, by Acting Lieutenant Sullivan, of the First police precinct.

"I have the honor to report that we arrested eleven hucksters for obstructing the street with push carts" on Saturday, September 10, 1904, and accepted \$5 collateral in each case. In Police Court, September 12, the collateral was reduced to \$3 each, and, by order of Judge O'Neal, allowed to forfeit."

**Reduced Collateral.**  
The War Department has no further advice than is contained in press reports concerning the arrest in Baltimore for passing a worthless check, of a man who says he is Capt. George W. Kirkman, U. S. A.

Captain Kirkman is stationed at Fort Niobrara, Neb. He is a native of Texas, but was appointed to the Military Academy in 1884 from Illinois. He was once dismissed from the service, but was readmitted through special act of Congress in 1900.

The arrest of the alleged Captain Kirkman was caused by the proprietor of the Stafford Hotel. The man is charged with passing a worthless check for \$50 on the hotel in payment of a bill of \$22.

## POLITICS BUZZES IN EMPIRE STATE

Candidates Parker and  
Davis Meet at Hotel  
Astor.

Leaders of Campaign on  
Hand to Get Views  
of Nominees.

National Chairman Taggart's Call to Indiana  
Starts Gossip.

Saratoga Convention En-  
thuses All Except  
the Bosses.

Underlying Significance  
Attached to Woodruff  
Opposition.

Higgins Will Head the  
Ticket Unless All  
Signs Fail.

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Democracy's standard-bearers in the national campaign are in town today in conference with the leaders of the party's fight, and the Hotel Astor bristles with excitement, in anticipation of developments, more or less startling, regarding the conduct of the campaign.

Coincident with Candidate Parker's arrival in the city, National chairman Taggart has started for Indiana. If any impetus was needed to keep alive the persistent stories of disagreements and general chaos in the direction of the campaign at headquarters, this move has provided it. Tongues are wagging unceasingly with gossip, ranging from mild criticism to the most alarming predictions, and politicians are on the tip-toe of excitement over the probable outcome of the conferences today.

**Judge Parker Arrives.**  
Candidate Parker arrived at the Hotel Astor at 9:30 o'clock this morning, after a stormy night trip down the Hudson on Contractor John B. MacDonald's private yacht, Sapphire. The yacht lay off Esopus yesterday, and took the candidate aboard in the afternoon. The start was made at 6:30 o'clock in the face of a driving rain. This kept up for hours, and finally, owing to the heavy weather the Sapphire anchored off Cornwall-on-the-Hudson at 8 o'clock last night. Leaving there at 5 o'clock this morning the yacht landed the judge at West Twenty-fifth Street, and he was at once driven to the hotel.

**H. G. Davis in Waiting.**  
There his running-mate, Henry G. Davis, was awaiting him with William F. Sheehan. They had arrived a half hour earlier.

Senator Gorman, August Belmont, Delaney Nicoll, Cord Meyer, and all the other "big fellows" in town were either on hand or expected, and the consensus of opinion was that when the conferences were concluded, there would be news aplenty, even a heavy haze of expected details that anything had been done.

## PARKER'S START THRILLS ESOPUS

ESOPUS, Sept. 15.—Judge Parker's departure from here last night is regarded as marking the real beginning of the national campaign. Men who know the candidate's personality from life-long association with him, expect his New York visit will be productive of great things. These may not become publicly known, immediately, they say, but his influence on the campaign will now be more evident from time to time, they are confident.

The candidate's departure from here last night was marked by a great display of natural pyrotechnics. The lightning flashed and the thunder crashed, even the rain fell in a steady settling down like a canopy, shutting off all view of the eastern shore.

Going on a strenuous swift drive down the rocky hill road through the rain, the judge made his entry into active work.

## CORTLEYOU IN TOWN, SILENT AS THE SPHINX

Chairman Cortleyou, of the Republican National Committee, is in Washington cleaning up uncompleted business.

The chairman held several conferences this morning with his former subordinates of the Department of Commerce and Labor, and received at his home in Bancroft Place three or four Washington men who are going on the stump in a few weeks. The chairman will go to New York this evening or tomorrow morning, the time depending upon the completion of his work.

In keeping with his policy of silence he had nothing to say this afternoon concerning the progress of the campaign, except to reiterate his belief in the prospect of a complete Republican victory.

To personal friends he said that all reports to the contrary, notwithstanding, New York would go Republican.

## ESTIMATES \$144,000 FOR WASHINGTON AQUEDUCT

Gen. A. MacKenzie, chief of engineers, U. S. A., has forwarded to the District Commissioners his estimate of the expenses of the Washington Aqueduct and its appurtenances, for the fiscal year, 1905, asking the following items:

For building a combined stable and store house at Great Falls, \$3,000.

For preliminary surveys for additional conduit from Great Falls, \$8,000.

For the operation, maintenance, and repair of the aqueduct and its accessories, \$33,000.

For the care, maintenance, and operation of the filtration plant, \$100,000.

Total, \$144,000.

**\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return.**  
Via Pennsylvania Railroad, tickets sold every Saturday and Sunday, good returning until Sunday night. All trains except Congressional Limited.—Adv't.

## O'DELL'S SLATE.

For Governor—Frank Wayland Higgins, of Cattaraugus.

For Lieutenant Governor—M. Linn Bruce, of New York.

For Secretary of State—John F. O'Brien, of Clinton.

For Comptroller—Otto Kelsey, of Kingston.

For Attorney General—Julius M. Mayer, of New York.

For State Treasurer—John G. Wallenmeier, of Erie.

For State Engineer and Surveyor—Henry A. Van Alstyne, of Columbia.

For Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals—Edgar M. Cullen.

For Associate Judge—William E. Werner.

SARATOGA, Sept. 15.—Interest in the actual doings of the Republican State convention here today has enthused the delegates and spectators to a lively degree.

As an inspiring spectacle it has been fine. But underneath the surface of it all there have been murmurings and prophecies that may mean something to the party in the future.

Chairman Odell and his lieutenants are serene, beyond any chance of losing their self-complacency and confidence in the triumph of the machine.

But Senator Platt and his adherents look far beyond today's work, and if some of the stories emanating from sources near the "Easy Boss" are to be relied on, they are somewhat good coming out of Odell's opposition to Tim Woodruff's ambitions.

## Prominent Leaders.

The Odell slate was completed after a long conference, attended by more than thirty of the prominent State leaders. M. Linn Bruce, of New York county, was named for lieutenant governor, after a long discussion, with the direct understanding that his nomination would be agreeable to Senator Platt, and without any overtures or negotiations.

The conference included none of the leaders who have been standing with Senator Platt and ex-Lieutenant Governor Woodruff, such as William Barnes, Jr., of Albany, who did not take part in the proceedings, but came in at the close.

Uncertainty whether or not Mr. Woodruff's friends will carry his name to the floor of the convention has caused little speculation. Even if they do, and the slightest doubt remains of the outcome of the convention, Lieutenant Governor Higgins is certain of more than seven hundred votes, and will most likely be nominated on his own slate.

"It's a good ticket and we expect to elect it," said Governor Odell, speaking of his own slate. He also said that there had been no overtures and no actual exchange of propositions in the conference last night, although there had been talk of many, and declared that the ticket was the work of those representing a majority of the convention, its ratification was not open to doubt.

**Woodruff Complacent.**  
Timothy Woodruff's peace of mind was not shaken by the dark outlook for his chances.

"I am going to the convention," said he. "There is no change, and we will make the fight."

"How many votes will you get?" he was asked.

"That doesn't make much difference," he answered, with a laugh.

"We're for you still, Tim," shouted an enthusiastic Brooklynite.

In the meantime reports that a settlement is still possible multiplied, and the supporters of Higgins almost to a man insisted that only one name will be considered by the convention.

## TYPHOID CONDITIONS IN HARPERS FERRY

Health Officer Making Inquiries—Drainage Thence on Local Water Supply.

Because, within the past ten days, four persons who had but recently returned from Harpers Ferry, W. Va., to this city have developed cases of typhoid fever, Health Officer Woodward has addressed two letters to the secretary of the West Virginia board of health, requesting specific information as to the typhoid conditions in Harpers Ferry.

No reply has been received in response to these inquiries, although there has been ample time for the return letters to reach this city.

If, as is feared in the local Health Office, there is an unusual amount of typhoid in Harpers Ferry, the danger of an epidemic of the disease in Washington is doubled, because this city receives all the drainage of that place.